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SPECIAL EDITOR'S NOTE: My family (wife/OPDX's chief proof-reader Linda, Tedd [TJ], Katie) and I (KB8NW) would like to wish all DXers, Contesters and OPDX readers a very "Happy Holiday and Season's Greetings". Also, we would like thank the many who have contributed information over the year (there are too many to list). Without them there would not be an OPDX Bulletin.

8P, BARBADOS. Glenn, VA3DX, reports to OPDX that he will be active again as **8P9DX**, from **January 18th to February 1st**. His time and activity will included the **CQ 160 Meter CW Contest** (**January 23-25th**). He will be active on all bands. QSLs should be sent to VA3DX or VE3ICR and not to the 8P QSL bureau!!

CU1, AZORES. Matt, DL3KUD, will be going here again between **December 29th and January 7th**. He will be active from **Santa Maria Island** (IOTA **EU-003**) as **CU1/DL3KUD**. His planned operations will be on the Low-Bands (especially 160m) and the WARC bands. Activity will be on CW and probably some RTTY (his first steps in RTTY, please be patient!). His suggested frequencies (+/-QRM): 1834, 3504 (QSX 3527), 7004, 10104, 18074, 24894 kHz. QSLs will be answered via bureau. If possible, do not send any QSLs direct.

DXPEDITION PACIFIC 98' is what the main sponsors (ALCATEL CZECH and the Czech DX Foundation [OKDXF]) are calling this operation. Members of the OFDXF will be heading for the multi-stop trip to the Pacific with the following itinerary: Departure is from Praha

- Feb 18 - to Frankfurt and the same day land in Los Angeles
- Feb 20 - from LA to Papetee/ Tahiti
- Feb 24 - from Papetee to Rarotonga and the same day flight to Aitutaki atol
- March 4 - from Rarotonga to Tonga via Nadi (the same day)
- March 14 - from Tonga to W. Samoa
- March 23 - from W. Samoa to Fiji

- April 1 - from Fiji to Hawaii and then to Europe

If possible, the group might divide during the stop on Western Samoa and try spend few days on American Samoa. Operators will also have a license for Rotuma Island, but due to transport problem, nothing is sure. The operators will be OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD. They will be equipped with PAs as well as beams for the WARC bands and 20-10 meter and a vertical for the 40 meters band. If possible, at least two stations will be on the air. Callsigns will be announced later, and a all mode operation is expected on the usual DX frequencies. QSL information is via: OKDX Foundation, P.O.BOX 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic. ADDED NOTE: During the process of planning there appeared a possibility to activate Midway Island for a week or ten days. Unfortunately, it could not be possible without additional charges (not very high - it is only a hop from Hawaii), so any donations would be very appreciated.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Kazik, DL2SBY, will be active from here **December 27th through January 3rd**. He will be active on both CW and SSB. Check the DX Nets on 14226 or 14247 kHz. For CW, look for him at the bottom of the band edge. QSL via homecall.

HP, PANAMA. Gerard, F2JD/**HP1XBI**, is headed back to France after more than 21000 QSOs. He will be back in Panama in the middle of January for two more months.

IOTA NEWS. Herve, F5RMY, and some other operators will be using the callsign **TM5CRO** from **Porquerolles Islands** (IOTA **EU070**) from **January 14-20th**. They will be active on CW and SSB from 160-10 meters. QSL via F5RMY.

IOTA SURVEY BE CONDUCTED. Chris, N1HRW, reports, "The Islands on the Web Website is conducting a web-based '**Top Needed IOTA Islands**' Survey. This survey will be used to generate a list of the most needed IOTA islands in the world and the percent of IOTA chasers needing them. IOTA Chasers can take part in the survey by filling out a form on the IOTW website at: http://islandchaser.com (go to the "Survey" section of the site). The IOTA need list form can be E-mailed to "n1hrw@islandchaser.com", or send the list to Chris Taron N1HRW, 607 Harwood Ct., Champaign, IL 61820. The survey has been ongoing and runs until 0000z January 10, 1998. Survey results will be displayed on the site on Jan 10.

NEW OFFICIALS. The **Carolina DX Association** held elections for 1998 at their annual Christmas dinner and meeting. The following will serve for 1998: President - Joe Simpkins, K4MD; Vice-President - Cliff Wagoner, W4WN and Secretary/Treasurer - Gary Dixon, K4MQG. Also, serving the Club for another year as the editor of their monthly newsletter will be Don Daso, K4ZA. The Pileup, their newsletter, is on the internet at the URL address: http://www.cdxa.org

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Fernando, EA4BB/D2BB, reports to OPDX that the QSL route for **D2BB** is now Joe, W3HNK. He states he will be sending him all the logs and will keep on doing so in the future.
- SPEAKING OF JOE! Joe, **W3HNK**, recently gave Doug, N6RT, a list of all the stations he handles QSLs for. Hope this will be useful for everybody:

1X5AA...4S7DA...AP2TJ...BV2BI...C51A...CM8TW...CO8TW...
CO5GV...CO3CL...CT1BOH...CT4NH...CW6V...CX5X...CX6VM...D2BB...EA8AK...
EK6GC...ER5GB...ER5WU...ES5MC...EW1TZ...EW3LB...EY1ZA...FM5BH...FS5UQ...
HL5KY...HL5BTF...HR1SAX...KP2A...KP4KD/HK3...NP3D...NP4A...OM7DX...
P3A...P40E...PJ7UQ...RA2FZ...RA9CKQ...RW9WA...RW9QA...RW9RF...RX9FM...
RA0FU...RS0F...SM7CRW...TG9AWS...TE1C...TI0C...TI1C...TI2CF...TI3CF...
TI4CF...UA9CUA...UA9OS...UA0AZ...UA0MF...UA0FZ...UK7F...UK8FF...UK8OO...
EZ8AI...UN5J...UN7FK...UN7FZ...UP6F...UP0F...US7ZL...US0HZ...UT5JDS...
UG6GAW...VP2VFW...VP5JM...VP9AD...VU2ZAP...WP4C...YO3AC...YS1RRD...
Z24S...ZP5PT...ZS4PB...ZP0R...ZP0Z

- **N4BQW/KH5** PALAMARA QSLS. Mac, WA4FFW, reports that the cards received to date for the recent operations are in the process of being verified, and it is expected that all cards will be mailed by the middle of January and should be in everyone's hands certainly by the end of January. It is apparent that Chuck had some help in the form of a pirate. Mac reports that he has observed cards for days Chuck was not on Palmyra Island. Chuck did not operate from Kingman Reef, so contacts with N4BQW/KH5K are definitely no good. Mac asked for everyone to be patient as this is the Season and everyone is very, very busy. (TNX Mark McIntyre)
- QSLs for **JW5VK**, **JW1BJA** and **JW4KQ**, which were active during December 12-15th to Svalbard, Spitsbergen Island (IOTA EU-26), the Longyear Town, should go to the following QSL Managers: JW5VK and JW1BJA via LA5VK; JW4KQ via LA4KQ.
- QSLs for the recent **JY8ZW** operation go via K4ZW (ex KE9A): Ken Claerbout, 10 Clover Hill Dr., Stafford, VA 22554
- **Z21AV** CORRECT ROUTE AND ADDRESS REPORTED. The correct address for this station is: Ron Peacock, POB 631, Kwekwe, Zimbabwe, Africa
- **CY9AA** QSL CARD STATUS. Mike, VE9AA, reports in a brief note that all the artwork, pictures, etc. have finally been done up and couriered to their QSL-card sponsor, WJ2O, a couple of weeks ago. Mike states, "Dave is likely very busy during the holiday season, so please be patient waiting for your CY9AA VHF & HF cards. Once I get them back from Dave, I intend to work on them every weekend I am home. I am presently attending college AWAY from home, so I won't be able to get them out probably as quickly as I would like, but they'll get out eventually. (FEAR NOT!)"
- **VK0ANARE** (Revised route again!). Alan, VK4AAR, informs OPDX that Tom Stokes, VK0ANARE, has now returned to Australia from Macquarie Island, and regrettably, he has made a sudden decision to handle his own QSL cards for that operation. Alan states, "I have no control over his decision (which I suspect are a bit rash). I hope the DX community will be able to keep up with his changes. I will send him all the requests that have already come to my address, there is no need to re-QSL! Effective IMMEDIATELY the address for VK0ANARE is: Tom Stokes, c/o VK1AUS, POB 2063, Kambah Village, ACT 2902, Australia." Alan is still the manager for VI0ANARE. They are totally separate operations. VI0ANARE was from 1st July 97 until 23rd October 97. VK0ANARE was from 25th October to 31st October 97. The direct address for VI0ANARE is: Alan Roocroft, c/o Post Office, Dalveen, QLD 4374, Australia (Bureau cards go ONLY to VK4ARB....not VK4AAR!).

SOUTH PACIFIC DXPEDITION. Cedric, HB9HFN, informs OPDX that he and HB9DLZ will be active from **Tonga** and **Western Samoa**. Details are as follows: From **Tongatapu**, they will be there from **February 5-10th** and sign **A35LZ** (HB9DLZ) and **A35FN** (HB9HFN).

From **Western Samoa**, they will be there from **February 10-23th** and sign **5W0LZ** (HB9DLZ) and **5W0FN** (HB9HFN). They will be especially active for Europe and mostly on CW (80-10 meters). QSL via home call (via bureau preferred). For more details see: http://www.qsl.net/hb9hfn/

T88, BELAU (SSTV activity). Tosy, JA6VZB, is planning to be active as a Mobile SSTV station during the **SSTV contest (January 2-3rd)** as **T88JA**. The contest exchange is: send your original picture and serial number. QSL via bureau to JA6BSM. (PLEASE send it via bureau. Every QSL will be submitted to bureau.)

TG, GUATEMALA. Toni/OH1TD, Heikki/OH3JF, Hessu/OH6XY and Raija/OH7LIX will be on the air from **January 18th to February 5th (1998)**. They will arrive in Guatemala on January 16th, and their flights back are on February 6th. They will possibly be assigned with the **TG0OH** callsign (to be confirmed later). They will always operate split and suggested operating frequencies are as follows:

- **CW** - 1827, 3507, 7007, 10103/10108, 14007, 18077, 21007, 24897 and 28007 kHz
- **SSB** - 1840, 3789, 7045, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495
- **RTTY** - 14088, 21088 and 28088

For lowband operators, the following sunset and sunrise times apply during their DXpedition to TG-land: sunrise between 0033-0030z and sunset times 1149-1158z. Their equipment includes: IC-730, IC-735, IC-751 and TS-690. Linear amplifiers are Heathkit SB-1000 and Tokio HI-Power HL-700B. Antennas will be 2 phased HF2V's - like in XF3/OH3JF expedition where their 80m signal in Europe was very strong with this antenna set-up. In addition they have a Cuscraft X7, A3WS and R7000. For top band they have two antennas and for some other purpose G5RV. They will operate from SanBenito which is at the lake, Lago Peten Iza. This QTH is on the northern part of Guatemala, and there is a clear view over the lake towards Europe, as the stations will be located by the lake. QSL via the bureau or direct to calbook addresses: RTTY via OH6XY and CW/SSB via OH3JF.

V2, ANTIGUA. Operators Bob/AA1M, Jim/W1HL, Tim/KA1MID and Mike/W1USN have plans to vacation and operate from Antigua from **February 23rd to March 2nd (1998)**. They currently have not been issued callsigns. QSLs can be sent direct to each Op or via bureau.

V31, BELIZE. Joe, K8JP, and his XYL Beverly are currently on the road driving to Belize and expect to arrive around December 23rd. If all goes well, he states he will start operating as **V31JP** on Christmas Day, **December 25th**, and run through **January 12, 1998**. He plans on participating in the "**Stew Perry Top Band Challenge**" (**December 27-28th**). Outside of the contest, he will be on mainly 160, 80 and 40 meters. Look for him on 1827.7, listening up 2 kHz. When the band is open to Europe or Asia, he states that he will give them priority. The same applies to 80 and 40 meters, 3507.7, 3527.7, 7007.7 and 7027.7 kHz, listening 2 kHz up when the band is open to Europe and Asia. He will operate some 75 meters SSB in the DX window. Joe will be checking/moving to 160 on the half hours. He suggests that when working him on 40 or 80 meters tell him that you would like to work him on 160 meters before he goes to 160 meters. Please QSL via his new address: Joe Pontek, Sr., 26441 Devaney Rd., Arcadia, IN 46030, USA.

V4, ST. KITTS. Halvard, LA7XK, will be active in the first of the new year (**January 4-17th**) as **V47XK**. Look for activity during his mornings and evenings. QSL via homecall.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! Users of the online BARF-80 BBS (Home of the OPDX Bulletin) take note, the area code has change as of August 16th. The new **440 area code** will replace the 216 area code. Currently both area codes can be used, but the 216 area code will be permanently replaced in April 1998. BARF-80 BBS online at 440-237-8208 28.8k-1200 Baud 8/N/1

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http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm

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